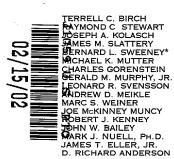
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c), which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No. 60/268,933 filed on February 16, 2001

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For: METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF OPTICAL (BIO) CHEMICAL DEVICES

Enclosed are:

\boxtimes	A specification consisting of Twenty-Nine (29) pages					
\boxtimes	Three (3) sheet(s) of formal drawings					
	Certified copy of Priority Document(s)					
\boxtimes	Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow					
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